

## **REMARKS**

The Office Action of September 26, 2005 has been given careful consideration by the applicants. Claims 1-22 remain in the application.

### **The Office Action**

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 4-6, 12 and 15-17 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,408,177 to Parikh.

The Examiner also rejected claims 2-3, 7-11, 13-14 and 18-22 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Parikh and U.S. Patent No. 6,889,044 to Cook.

### **The Claims Patentably Distinguish Over the Cited Patents**

The Examiner rejected claims 1,4-6, 12 and 15-17 as being anticipated by Parikh. However, as will be set forth in further detail below, these claims are not anticipated by the cited patent.

Briefly, in Parikh, all calls that are placed to subscribers of a call management service are directed to a call management system. It is apparent from Figure 5 that, once the call is received by the call management system, a variety of functions are performed. Among these functions is a determination of whether the call is anonymous. Notably, it is submitted that all subscriber calls are forwarded to the call management system of Parikh and are received by the call management system, whether such calls are anonymous or not. The determination of anonymity is conducted after being received in the call management system.

In contrast, claims 1 and 12 recite that the presently described embodiments perform a function of forwarding a call to an intelligent peripheral if the call is an anonymous call. Prior to this forwarding, there is a determination made as to whether the call is anonymous. Therefore, this recitation of forwarding the call to an intelligent peripheral if the call is an anonymous call is distinguishable from Parikh, wherein all subscriber calls are forwarded to a separate network element, i.e., the call management system.

Therefore, independent claims 1 and 12 are not anticipated by Parikh. Likewise, all claims dependent thereon, including claims 4-6 and 15-17, are not anticipated by the Parikh patent.

The Examiner also rejected claims 2-3, 7-11, 13-14 and 18-22 as being

obvious over Parikh and Cook. However, the suggested portions of Cook do not cure the above-noted deficiencies of Parikh. Therefore, these claims are not rendered obvious by the suggested combination.

Indeed, if the Parikh and Cook patents were somehow combined, the resultant combination would lack the functionality of forwarding calls to an intelligent peripheral if the call is an anonymous call. In the suggested combination, it is submitted that all subscriber calls would be forwarded to some sort of network element, without filtering out only anonymous calls. As such, the suggested combination does not render the claims 2-3, 7-11, 13-14 and 18-22 obvious.

### **Non-Art Rejections**

The Examiner objected to claims 8 and 19 for recitation of "a location request" as opposed to "the location request." The correction has been made. As such, it is respectfully requested that the claim objections be removed.

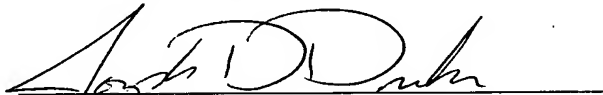
### CONCLUSION

For the reasons detailed above, it is respectfully submitted all claims remaining in the application (Claims 1-22) are now in condition for allowance. The foregoing comments do not require unnecessary additional search or examination.

In the event the Examiner considers personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, he/she is hereby authorized to telephone Joseph D. Dreher, at (216) 861-5582.

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